

A TRIBUTE TO BONDURANT-  
FARRAR SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Bondurant-Farrar School District for being named the 2016 Bondurant Organization of the Year at the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on January 20, 2017.

The Bondurant-Farrar School District has been an integral part of the Bondurant Community for years. While its teachers have remained dedicated year after year in educating the area's children and preparing them for the future, administrators have worked hard in meeting the challenges and surpassing the educational needs of a growing population. I am immensely proud of the educators and administrators in our state that dedicate their lives to ensuring the success of our future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to represent the Bondurant-Farrar School District in the United States Congress and commend them for their outstanding achievements in their community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Bondurant-Farrar School District and in wishing them all nothing but continued success.

HONORING MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC  
ACADEMY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mount Saint Dominic Academy of Caldwell, New Jersey on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy serves the surrounding community as an all-girls Catholic College Preparatory School dedicated to the education of young women from a variety of ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds. The institution's goal of inclusivity aims to both inspire and empower students to realize their unique gifts and talents in an academic atmosphere fostering excellence, respect, and diversity while at the same time reinforcing the Christian-centered value of moral integrity.

The history of Mount Saint Dominic Academy began in 1892 with the Academy's founding by the Sisters of Saint Dominic. Although the Caldwell Dominican congregation was initially based in Jersey City, New Jersey, the municipality was ravaged by tuberculosis throughout the 1880s. With the threat of contracting the disease an everyday concern, Mother Mary Catharine Muth sought out a location for her ill sisters to recover. This refuge was found twenty miles west of Jersey City in the Borough of Caldwell. It was here where Mother Catharine purchased the Harrison Estate on Roseland Avenue, a plot of land comprising of a small home and garden where Mother Catharine taught day students and boarders, all the while, looking after her ill Sisters.

Over the next decade as the student body increased, so did the necessity for larger quarters. In 1893, the cornerstone was laid for a new Motherhouse convent and school in Caldwell. In 1903, with the increased demand in time devoted toward the education of New Jersey's youth, the sisters decided to renounce their cloistered lifestyle and become Third Order Dominicans.

By the late 1920s history repeated itself as the school saw a greater influx of new students. This influx led to renewed efforts to expand. Under Mother Joseph Dunn, the institute constructed a larger dormitory that came to encompass both the school itself as well as the residences for those boarding. More improvements and renovations were made under Sister Germaine in the 1950s to add additional classrooms, offices, and a larger library.

Recently, the academy has continued to improve upon the renovations that took place during the twentieth century by continuing to add more physical alterations and expansions to the campus. Among these expansions has been the construction of a new 19,000 square foot athletic center to accommodate the growth in participation within women's athletics. Furthermore, under the guidance of Sister Francis Sullivan, the school transformed its former gymnasium into the Doris M. Byrne Performing Arts Center which offers Broadway quality experiences for both performers and patrons. These installments not only serve to improve the experiences of students attending the Academy, but are also available to benefit the greater West Essex community as well. Mount Saint Dominic Academy remains today one of New Jersey's foremost educational institutions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Mount Saint Dominic Academy on its 125th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a funeral. Had I been present for roll call vote number 569, H.R. 3551 C-TPAT Reauthorization Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 570, S. 504 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 571, Approval of the Journal, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 572, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 577—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 469—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 573, Adoption of H. Res. 577—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 469—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 574, H.R. 2142 INTERDICT Act,

as amended, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 575, Cohen (D-TN) Amendment No. 2—Exempts settlement agreements based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 576, Johnson (D-GA) Amendment No. 3—Exempts settlement agreements that direct funds to remediate the indirect harms caused by the manipulation of emissions standards in automobiles, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 577, Jackson Lee (D-TX)—Amendment No. 4—Exempts settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution to a State, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 578, Cicilline (D-RI)—Amendment No. 5—Exempts settlements that resolve predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 579, Conyers (D-MI)—Amendment No. 6—Exempts settlement agreements that direct funds to remedy indirect harm resulting from lead in drinking water, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for roll call vote number 580, Passage of H.R. 732—Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 581, Passage H.R. 3898 Otto Warmbier North Korea Nuclear Sanctions Act, as amended, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO ELDORA GOWING

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Eldora Gowing of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Eldora's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Eldora lived through eighteen United States presidents and twenty-two governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Eldora in the United States Congress and I'm proud to recognize her today on this momentous occasion. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on reaching this milestone and in wishing her nothing but the best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VAN  
MICHAEL

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2017*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, a great Tennessean and very